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SUBJECT: FY '75 KOREA SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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(B) CJUSMAG-K MSG DTG 010822Z MAY (S)

(C) COMUSKOREA 150832

1. I AM CONCERNED AT THE HIGH \$24 MILLION COST OF PCH&T BEING ASSESSED AGAINST FY '75 KOREAN GRANT AID BY DOD, AND DISAPPROVAL (RF A) OF CHIEF JUSMAG'S REQUEST (REF B) FOR A \$4.4 MILLION REDUCTION OF PCH&T COSTS TO \$19.6 MILLION. ACCORDINGLY, I SHOULD LIKE TO REQUEST REVIEW OF THIS DECISION AND PROPOSAL THAT \$4.4 MILLION REDUCTION IN PCH&T BE USED FOR INITIATION CPIC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN A JOINT US-ROK FUNDING PROGRAM.

2. CHIEF JUSMAG INITIATED REF B QUERY AT MY REQUEST. ON BASIS OUR OWN ROUGH ESTIMATES WE BELEIVE PCH&T FIGURE CHARGED TO ROK MAP IS HIGH. YET AT NO TIME HAS CHJUSMAG BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM DOD SPECIFIC COSTS OF PACKING, CRATING, HANDLING, AND TRANSPORTATION BY ITEM FOR MAP '75 DELIVERIES TO KOREA, NOR HAS HE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE THE FACTORS

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WHICH DOD USED TO COMPUTE THIS HIGH COST ASSESSMENT.

I BELIEVE A CLOSE LOOK MUST BE TAKEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
PCH&T COSTS HAVE BEEN FAIRLY DISTRIBUTED.

3. IF INDEED, AS WE SUSPECT, IT PROVES POSSIBLE TO  
REDUCE KOREAN SHARE OF PCH&T I ALSO AGREE WITH CHIEF  
JUSMAG AND URGE THAT FUNDS BE DEDICATED TO CPIC PROGRAM.  
CPIC NOW RANKS AS PRIORITY SIX AGAINST FY '75 GA (TOA)  
\$82.6 MILLION FUNDING AFTER PCH&T, F-5E FUNDING, ROK  
TRAINING, UN SUPPORT, AND AIR DEFENSE TECH ASSISTANCE, ALL  
OF WHICH WE ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO. ROKS ARE THEMSELVES  
ANXIOUS THAT WE PUT ANY ADDITIONAL GRANT INTO CPIC,  
WITHOUT THE US COMMITMENT TO FINAANCE A PORTION OF CPIC  
IN FY '75, THEY ARE MOST RELUCTANT TO INITIATE A PROGRAM  
ON THEIR OWN. MOREOVER, THEY CONSTANTLY REMIND US OF  
SECDEF LAIRD'S LETTER OF 24 COT 72 WHICH STATES WE WOULD  
PROVIDE CPIC. IN BROADER SENSE I BELIEVE THIS ACTION  
WOULD BE ADDITIONALLY HELPFUL IN OFFSETTING CURRENT KOREAN  
CONCERNS CITED IN MY RECENT TELEGRAMS REGARDING  
THE GENERAL POLITICAL MILITARY SITUATION IN ROK.  
CHJUSMAG IS CONVINCED THAT WITH \$4.4 MILLION GA FUNDING,  
ROKS ARE PREPARED TO COMIT \$6.7 MILLION OF THEIR  
OWN FUNDS TO INITIATE THE CPIC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

4. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
UNDERLINE AND GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO REF C RECOMMENDATION  
FROM COMUSK THAT \$5 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR EDA BE  
CONVERTED IF POSSIBLE TO FMS CREDIT FOR FUNDING NIKE-  
HERCULES TRANSFER. AS EXPLAINED REF C, AS RESULT THIS  
SWITCH WE WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER NIKE-HERCULES PRICE  
AND COULD COVER MUCH LARGER AMOUNT OF TRANSFER. FROM THIS  
VANTAGE POINT FMS CREDIT THEREFORE SEEMS A MUCH MORE  
PRACTICAL ROUTE TO GO.  
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